

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A deck base comprising:

a generally planar plate, said plate having a central opening on an upper surface, and an integrally molded downwardly extending inner tube extending downwardly from said upper surface, and beyond a lower extent of said plate, and said inner tube and said plate being molded as a one-piece item.
2. A deck base as set forth in claim 1, wherein said one-piece molded item is molded from a plastic.
3. A deck base as set forth in claim 1, wherein an outer support structure is molded outwardly of said inner tube to provide additional support to said inner tube.
4. A deck base as set forth in claim 3, wherein frusto-conical supporting webs connect said inner tube and said outer support structure.
5. A deck base as set forth in claim 1, wherein an outer periphery of said plate includes a caulking groove on an underside surface to receive a bead of caulking.

6. A deck base comprising:

a generally planar plate portion having a central opening on an upper surface, and an integrally molded downwardly extending inner tube extending downwardly from said upper surface, and beyond a lower extent of said plate, and said inner tube and said plate being molded as a one-piece item from plastic; and

an outer ring mounted concentrically outwardly of said inner tube to provide additional support to said inner tube, frusto-conical supporting webs connect said inner tube and said outer rings; an outer periphery of said plate including a caulking groove on an underside surface to receive a bead of caulking.

7. A boat comprising:

a deck;

a seat;

a deck plate for mounting said seat on said deck; and

said deck plate including a central opening on an upper surface, and an integrally molded downwardly extending inner tube extending downwardly from said upper surface, and beyond a lower extent of said plate, and said inner tube portion and said plate being molded as a one-piece item.

8. A boat as set forth in claim 7, wherein said one-piece molded item is molded from a plastic.

9. A boat as set forth in claim 7, wherein an outer support structure is molded outwardly of said inner tube to provide additional support to said inner tube.

10. A boat as set forth in claim 9, wherein frusto-conical supporting webs connect said inner tube and said outer support structure.

11. A boat as set forth in claim 7, wherein an outer periphery of said plate includes a caulking groove on an underside surface to receive a bead of caulking.